

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1913.

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1913 as to the Sanitary Work done in the Port of Faversham and the condition and number of the vessels making use of the Port during the year and the results of their inspection.

In the past year no death has occurred on board any vessel and no case of serious illness or infectious disease has been notified to me. No barge has been in such a condition as to require disinfection. I attended one slight case of influenza on board a barge in Oare creek.

The total number of vessels arriving in the various parts of the port was 9,277, an increase on last year, when it was 8,419. Of these 28 were from foreign ports as against 9 in 1912. All these arrived in Faversham Creek and were inspected. The different creeks included in the area of the Port are those of Faversham, Milton, Oare and Conyer, and also a large part of the Swale.

	Arrivals	Inspections	
		Inspec-Med	tor. Officer
Faversham (Home trade) ...	767	450	52
Do. (Foreign do.) ...	28	28	23
Milton	7368	1133	*
Oare	925	331	69
Conyer	189	88	34
Total	9277	2030	178

*For Milton figures see separate report of Dr. Heggs.

Inspection has revealed no serious defects but many minor ones, regarding chiefly lighting and ventilation, and a few cases of want of cleanliness. Those have all been remedied without any trouble. The arrangements for storage of water are adequate considering the short journeys made by the barges. The barges carrying manure have been kept clean and attention given to bulkheads.

The foreign trade is chiefly timber from the Baltic and granite from cross-Channel ports. This is brought up into the town, as is most of the timber. Some of the latter is, however, unloaded outside the Creek and brought up by barges.

Various cargoes from other parts of England also come up the Creek, viz.: railway material from South Wales; granite from Cornwall and Wales; hop poles, slates, etc. A large local trade consists of bricks, loaded into barges at the brick-fields, going up to London and other places near and returning with breeze, manure and general cargoes.

It has not been found necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907.

A separate report from the Sanitary Inspector is appended. The work in Milton creek is reported on by Dr. Heggs.

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